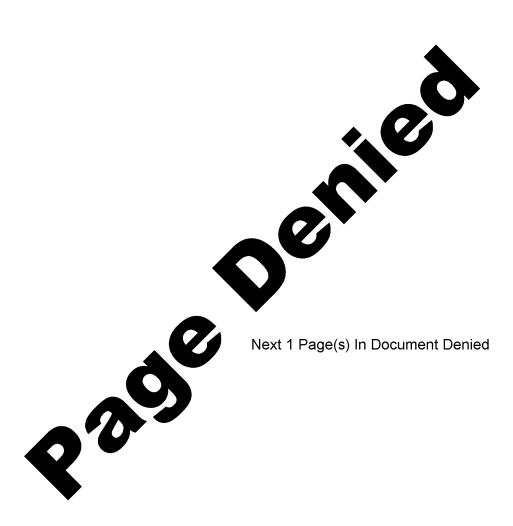
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with what is expected to be the closing day of the National People's Congress, the legislature that is meeting to choose a new government, including a premier. DIA does not believe there is significant rivalry between the two Chinese leaders.// //The commemorative activities seem designed in part to establish a link between the revered Chou and the leading figures at the congress—particularly the congress' most visible personality, Hua Kuo-feng. An article praising Chou for his ties to ordinary people appeared Wednesday in the party newspaper beneath a picture of Hua attending a congress meeting as an "ordinary delegate." It was Hua who is said to have directed that Chou be remembered on his birthday rather than on the anniversary of his death, as has been the case in the past.// This shift appears to have implications for Chou's chosen successor, Teng Hsiao-ping. It serves to divert popular attention from the link between Chou's death and Teng's subse-
quent political difficulties. On two previous occasions, activities commemorating Chou's death resulted in a show of popular support for Teng and implicit criticism of those whom the Chinese people believed were responsible for Teng's problems.
As he seeks to build his public image, it is in Hua's
interest to show that he, in addition to Teng, is following in Chou En-lai's footsteps. This would give him a decided advantage over Teng because he can make the claim, which Teng cannot, that he is also the chosen heir of Mao Tse-tung. Hua, moreover, undoubtedly is also interested in protecting those party officials with whom Teng seems unwilling to work. The new attention to Chou's birthday rather than his death seems to serve both purposes.
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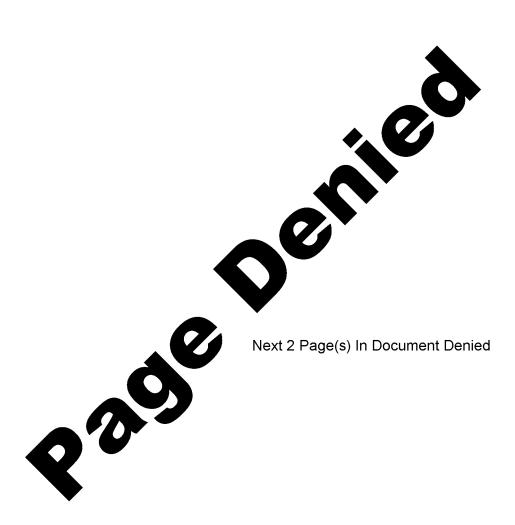
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25X1	//DIA does not believe that significant rivalry currently exists between Hua Kuo-feng and Teng Hsiao-ping. It is that agency's opinion that a division of responsibilities and roles between the two leaders was worked out during last year's Party plenary sessions. Moreover, it seems highly unlikely that Peking would have elected to hold the Fifth National People's Congress without first dispensing with such a critical matter as the power relationship between these two key political fig-	
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The Soviet Ambassador to Romania has told US diplomats that President Ceausescu will probably visit the USSR this year. This is our first information on such a visit. It would not be surprising, however, because Romania has customarily tried to balance its relations with all the major powers. Ceausescu will go to China later this month and to the US early next.

The Soviets presumably are concerned about Romania's rapidly improving relations with China, and Ceausescu may want to reassure them on that score. He may also brief President

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to Egypt has appl	Egypt will try in absentia the two Palestinians being Cyprus for killing Egyptian journalist Sibai, according ian press reports. Cyprus' Attorney General, meanwhile, ied to the Supreme Court to begin trying the Palestinians no later than 14 March.	
cused on Kypriano about the probably the tria	President Sadat continues to press Cyprus to extradite to Egypt, although his recent public attacks have fothe Cypriot Government rather than on President u personally. Cypriot leaders have been noncommittal e ultimate fate of the terrorists. They seem to recogwever, that Cyprus must deal harshly with the two men, by executing them or extraditing them to Egypt after 1, if Cyprus is to regain Egyptian friendship and supits dispute with Turkey.	
attempt.	Sadat's government is under attack at home for its of the Sibai assassination and the botched rescue Egyptian leftists and others cite the affair as an of the government's incompetence.	25)

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	Italy	
25X1	Italian fishermen have greatly exceeded the 1978	
20/(1	US quota for silver hake. Although the Italian catch is relatively small-84 tons-it is more than twice the original US	
	Because of the excesses, the US has told Italy to halt all IISH ing in US waters.	
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	er death and ownressed surprise at the suspension. He	
	requested that its implementation be delayed or that it be limited to those ships guilty of overfishing. He said the	
	total ban on fishing would seriously hurt the rishing rices	0.51
	and affect Italy's economy.	25X
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	Senegal Senegal	
25X1	President Senghor won another five-year term last Sunday in Sengal's first multiparty presidential and parliamentary election. His centrist Socialist Party captured 82 percent of the vote, losing only 17 of 100 seats in the national assembly to the rightwing Senegalese Democratic Party. The Marxist-Leninist party failed to win a seat.	·
25X1	The 71-year-old Senghor, who has been President since independence in 1960, is a major leader among moderate French-speaking West African states and has actively sought peaceful solutions to African problems. For the past two years, he has	t
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	own party to political competition, Senghor hopes he can build an organization strong enough to outlive his leadership and to	•
:	guide the transition to his eventual successor.	•
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The postponement may also be a sign that the governing National Front expects to hold an election this spring. The government probably wants to avoid giving further ammunition to anti-Chinese Malay chauvinists by sending Rithauddeen to Peking.

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